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Community Newsletter

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FROZEN COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER - [SET UP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE](#)

A reminder to promote our current school fundraiser. Funds raised will go toward the set up of our new sheds and purchasing and upgrading of outdoor equipment (sun shades, outdoor furniture and sports equipment). Our Fundraiser will close on Sunday 20th August; the planned pick up day for orders will be Thursday 7th September in the school basement.



REMINDER: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS: 13 AUGUST 2023 at 9:30 am at ST GEORGE'S PARISH

BAPTISM:

There are a number of children in our school who were planning to be baptised when Covid struck. Some of our parents even attended the classes, but due to Covid restrictions we couldn't set a date for the baptism to take place. This situation needs attention. It needs attention this term before the Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gets underway. If your wish is to have your child Baptised, or you would like to know more, please contact myself via suzanne@stjosephk.school or Father Rico at the presbytery - phone 07 878 6417 (leave a message) or email stgeorge@gmail.com



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The annual sacramental programme will start on **Tuesday 22nd of August at 6.30pm for 1 hour**, in the school basement.

A letter of invitation and enrolment form has been sent home to all students and out to other students in our community who are ready to prepare for the sacraments. Some copies have also been left at the back of the church.

There is no clash between this programme and miniball this year (miniball is scheduled for Wednesday/Thursdays).



DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!

PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL BY HEADING TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE: [St Joseph's School Calendar](#)

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Orāna kōtou kātoatoa Greetings to you all as we acknowledge Cook Islands Language Week
Meitaki te Atua!

WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI.
KOTAHĪ ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI.
**SAY NO TO RACISM.
WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.**



TŌ TĀTOU WHAKAPONO OUR FAITH



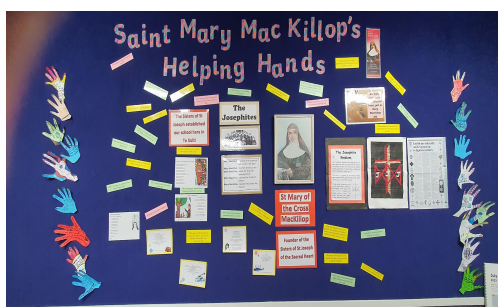
Father Rico asked the children at Mass on Friday “Who is Jesus?” The answers from the children were spot on! Father then gave them all some ‘homework’ for the week:

“Whisper the name of Jesus to your friends and family”
Have you heard any whispering??

On St Mary MacKillop’s feast day on Tuesday, we spoke about how Mary’s sisters were sent to Te Kuiti in 1921 to whisper the name of Jesus, in the newly built school called St Joseph’s. For over 102 years students, teachers and parents have been whispering the name of Jesus to each other and building our faith community.

St Mary said “Believe in the whisperings of God to your heart”.

Let us give thanks for the gift of faith so generously shared.
May we have the courage and strength to follow Jesus.



Whakarongo Mai!

Language is a gift and is to be treasured as such. Language starts at home where it grows and is nurtured. We would like as staff with our community to collectively eliminate the casual swearing and inappropriate use of language to judge, speak ill of, or find fault with others.

The use of language to identify and deny the equal dignity of self and others in our community is not right. We have a collective responsibility to be positive role models.

“We must teach more by example than by word” Mary MacKillop 1867

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are.”

ROMANS 12:16

Ma te Wa - Suzanne

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

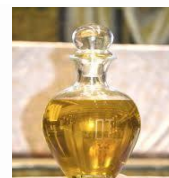


What are Sacraments?

The Sacraments are seven meeting points where God himself is present, waits for you, gives you a gift and leads you deeper into the community of the Church. (YouCat for Kids)

Baptism:

Baptism is the first sacrament Catholics receive. At Baptism we are sealed as belonging to Christ. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are welcomed into the Church and become children of God.





Religious Education



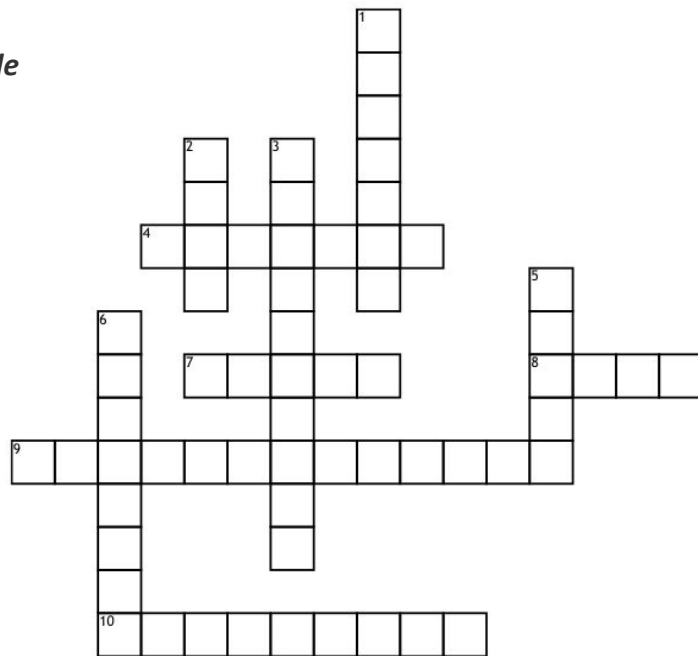
13th August The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 The hand of God is a human hand. Jesus reaches out to guide us, steady us, support us - all the things a touch of the hand can do. Peter found that also in Jesus - when he took his eyes off the Lord on the water, he began to sink. The Lord then held him close. Like Peter, we are always walking on water, putting our trust in Jesus Christ. We trust in him for protection in the most frightening times of life, like at the hour of death. At times we can do nothing for those we love except place them in the hand of God, knowing that God loves them more than we do.

8th August St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
 An Australian religious sister who founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Australia 1866. Devoted to the education of the poor, her order founded our St Joseph's School in 1921.

'Find happiness in making others happy.'

Jesus walks on Water

'We must teach more by example than by word.'



Never see a need without doing something about it.

'Remember we are all but travelers here.'

Across

- 4. Jesus was teaching near what sea
- 7. Who asked to come on the water with Jesus
- 8. What did Peter do when he became afraid
- 9. When night fell what hit the boat
- 10. Who did Jesus send ahead of him

Down

- 1. Once Jesus got on the boat what did the wind do
- 2. What did Jesus send his disciples in
- 3. What state of mind were the disciples in when they saw Jesus walking on water
- 5. Who was walking on the water
- 6. The disciples proclaimed that Jesus really is the....

PARISH NEWS

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences to the McGarvey family on the loss of John, a much loved and respected parishioner. John and his late wife Joyce were pillars of both St George's Te Kuiti and St Mary's Piopio Parishes all their lives.

MASSES FOR NEXT WEEK

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August. Te Kuiti 9.15am; Otorohanga 5.30pm. No Mass on Friday 18th.

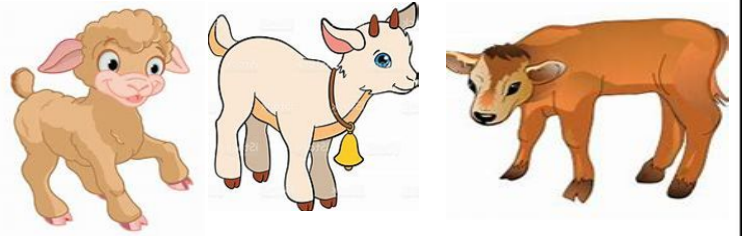
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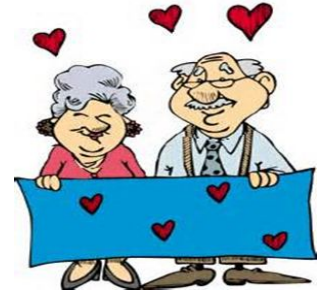
AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

Our Ag Day (Pet Day) will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2023. That is the first week in Term 4.
Registration forms will be available soon!!



GRANDPARENTS DAY 2023!!

It is the time of year to celebrate with our Grandparents again, We will have our celebration on **Friday, 15 September 2023. The festivities will start at 10:30 with a liturgy in the church followed by class presentations and a shared lunch.** We will give more information closer to the time.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder that our school lunch order form is available on our school website. Follow this link to print one off. Lunches can be ordered on Tuesdays and Fridays. [School lunch order form](#)



TE KŪITI HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 8 OPEN EVENING

Monday 14th August
5.30 - 6.30pm



Nau mai, haere mai!
We look forward to meeting you all.



Ngā Kura o Maniapoto Choir

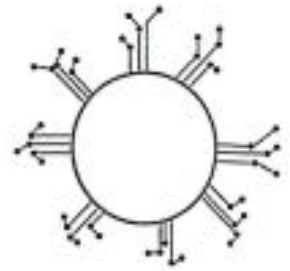
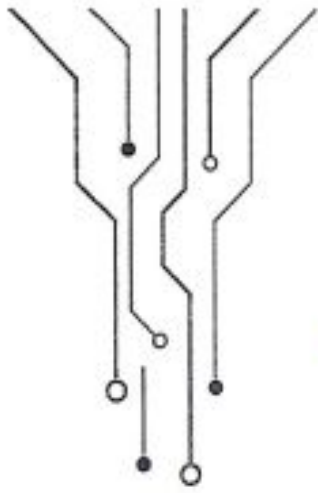
- Experience singing with a choir
- Learn things about music
- Represent our area at regionals!

After school practices
at St Joseph's
Tuesdays,
4-5 pm
Starts 8th August

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST JOSEPH'S

TECHNOLOGY

Expo



Come to school and be prepared
To see and hear about our
Technology Learning Journey



Circuits

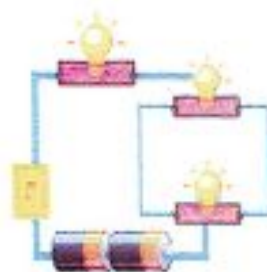
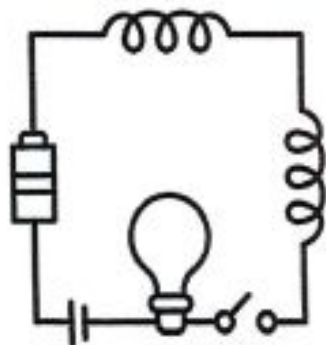
Dioramas

Quizz Boards
Presentations

FRIDAY 11th of AUGUST

1.30 PM

upstairs in
Kahikatea and Rimu classes



SPORTS PAGE

THERE WILL BE A MINIBALL TRIAL ON MONDAY
14TH OF AUGUST AT THE GALLAGHER CENTRE:

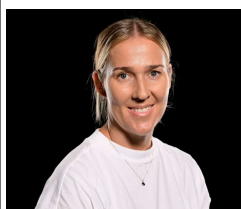
- 3.30PM - YEAR 3 & 4 PLAYERS
- 4.00PM - YEAR 5 & 6 PLAYERS
- 4.30PM - YEAR 7 & 8 PLAYERS



We are still in need of a few coaches and team managers. Please let Mrs Erasmus know if you are available to help your child's team.

SENIOR (yr7&8) TOURNAMENT

We will be calling for students in Year 7/8 to enter this tournament next week.
Please consider their availability.



[How being fearless and determined shaped Kirsty Yallop into a World Cup star](https://tinyurl.com/mrxfe5ms)
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Gallagher Recreation Centre

Tekuiti High School

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31 st

\$30 per team

Only 2 teams maximum per school

Semi-finals & Finals (Thursday night)

All teams must supply 1 person for scorebench each game.

Entries to Vicki Coll thecolls@xtra.co.nz ph 0210590041



BALANCE IS BETTER



In preparation for the upcoming Rippa tournament, Dan has offered a training session for those participating in the tournament.

17th August 11:30am

The year 4's that are away on this day but will be included into the next session.

READINGS AND GOSPEL FOR 13th AUGUST

First Reading

I Kings 9:19,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 84(85): 9-14

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Do not be afraid.'



Readings for next week:

First reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 66(68):2-3,5-6,8

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28